

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (original) A hub assembly for a washing machine transmission, said hub assembly comprising:

a brake hub ~~comprising~~ defining an opening therethrough, a plurality of ribs extending radially inward from an interior surface of said brake hub; and

an isolator insert comprising a plurality of ~~substantially flat~~ legs, said isolator insert positioned at least partially within said brake hub opening, each leg of said plurality of legs configured to extend through said opening and between adjacent ribs of said plurality of ribs with said isolator insert inserted into said brake hub.

2. (original) A hub assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said isolator insert further comprises a ring, said legs connected to said ring.

3. (original) A hub assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said legs comprise a substantially rectangular cross section.

4. (original) A hub assembly in accordance with Claim 3 wherein said isolator insert comprises six legs.

5. (original) A hub assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said hub further comprises a bottom, at least one of said legs comprises a tab, said tab configured to engage said hub bottom.

6. (currently amended) A hub assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said brake hub opening is substantially circular, ~~said interior surface including a plurality of ribs, said isolator insert legs configured to extend through said openings and between adjacent ribs of said brake hub when said isolator is inserted into said hub~~.

7. (currently amended) A hub assembly for a washing machine transmission, said hub assembly comprising:

~~an input shaft;~~

~~a brake hub comprising defining an opening therethrough, and a plurality of ribs extending radially inward from an interior surface of said brake hub, said input shaft positioned within said opening; and~~

an input shaft defining a plurality of grooves within an exterior surface of said input shaft, with said input shaft positioned within said opening, each groove of said plurality of grooves configured to receive a corresponding rib of said plurality of ribs, at least a portion of said corresponding rib contacting a surface defining said groove; and

an isolator insert comprising a plurality of resilient legs, said each leg of said plurality of legs extending at least partially into said brake hub opening between said brake hub and said input shaft and between adjacent ribs of said plurality of ribs.

8. (original) A hub assembly in accordance with Claim 7 wherein said legs are substantially flat when said insert is positioned within said hub, and said legs are curved when said isolator insert is positioned onto said input shaft.

9. (original) A hub assembly in accordance with Claim 7 wherein said isolator insert comprises six legs.

10. (original) A hub assembly in accordance with Claim 7 wherein said insert further comprises a ring connecting said legs.

11. (original) A hub assembly in accordance with Claim 7, wherein said legs include a proximal end and a distal end, at least one of said legs including a tab at said distal end, said tab configured to engage said hub.

12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A hub assembly in accordance with ~~Claim 12~~ Claim 7 wherein said legs are separated from said ribs.

14. (currently amended) A hub assembly in accordance with ~~Claim 12~~ Claim 7 wherein said opening is substantially circular.

15. (cancelled).

16. (original) A hub assembly in accordance with Claim 7 wherein said insert comprises plastic.

17. (withdrawn) A method for assembling a hub for a washing machine transmission, the transmission including an input shaft, a brake hub, and an isolator insert, the hub having a substantially circular interior surface defining an opening for receiving the input shaft, the isolator insert including a ring and a plurality of substantially flat legs, said method comprising the steps of:

inserting the isolator insert into the brake hub so that the flat legs of the insert extend at least partially into the opening of the hub; and

positioning the input shaft between the flat legs of the insert and deforming the legs around the input shaft.

18. (withdrawn) A method in accordance with Claim 17 wherein the interior surface of the hub includes a plurality of ribs, said step of inserting the isolator insert comprises the step of:

extending the flat legs of the isolator insert between the ribs of the interior surface of the hub.

19. (withdrawn) A method in accordance with Claim 17 wherein the hub further includes a bottom, the legs of the insert including a proximal end and a distal end, at least one of the legs including a tab at the distal end, said step of inserting the isolator insert comprising the step of;

inserting the insert into the hub until the tab engages the bottom of the hub.

20. (withdrawn) A method in accordance with Claim 17 wherein the hub further includes a top and the isolator insert further includes a ring connecting the flat legs, said step of inserting the isolator insert comprising the step of:

inserting the insert into the hub until the ring of the insert contacts the top of the hub.

21. (new) A hub assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said hub assembly further includes an input shaft defining a plurality of grooves within an exterior surface of said input shaft, each groove of said plurality of grooves configured to receive a corresponding rib of said plurality of ribs.